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SUBJ: VISIT OF PRESIDENT JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

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1. PRESIDENT OF JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY STEVEN MULLER RECENTLY COMPLETED HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL THREE DAY VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA. NOVEMBER 3 PROGRAM BELGRADE INCLUDED CALL ON PRO-RECTOR UNIVERSITY FOLLOWED BY ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION ON AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY AT PRESTIGIOUS INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND ECONOMICS. MULLER WAS GUEST OF HONOR SAME EVENING AT DINNER HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR

2. ALTHOUGH EARLY MORNING FOG IN BELGRADE DELAYED DEPARTURE OF MULLER'S PLANE, ZAGREB PROGRAM NOV 4 WAS ONLY SLIGHTLY DISRUPTED. IT INCLUDED DISCUSSION WITH KEY FACULTY MEMBERS AND RECTOR UNIVERSITY WHO LATER HOSTED LUNCH FOR MULLER. RECTOR VRANICKI, AN FY 75 IVP GRANTEE, HAD RECENTLY MET MULLER AT JOHNS HOPKINS AND SPOKE ENTHUSIASTICALLY ABOUT HIS TRIP TO THE US. LAST ITEM ON SCHEDULE WAS DINNER IN MULLER'S HONOR GIVEN BY CONGEN.

3. THANKS TO HIS IMPECCABLE ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS AND HIS POSITION AS PRESIDENT MAJOR AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, MULLER OFFERED

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EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY RENEW HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS WITH PARTY AND

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FROM BOTH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY TARGET AUDIENCE. AMONG THOSE TAKING PART IN HIS PROGRAM WERE IVO MARGAN, PRESIDENT OF SOCIALIST ALLIANCE WORKING PEOPLE OF CROATIA, KRSTO BULAJIC, DIRECTOR GENERAL, FAISECTC; MILAN SAHOVIC AND LEO MATES, INSITUTUTE OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND ECONOMICS, AND ARSEN JOVANOVIC, COMMITTEE FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS, SR SERBIA.

4. MULLER'S EXPERIENCE, ABILITY, AND CONSIDERABLY PERSONAL CHARM CLEARLY IMPRESSED YUGOSLAVS. VISIT CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO IMPROVED UNDERSTANDING AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY WHILE AT SAME TIME OFFERING CONCISE VIEW OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN AREAS OF ADULT EDUCATION AND UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION, ALL TOPICS OF GREAT CURRENT INTEREST HERE. IT THUS EFFECTIVELY SUPPORTED CPM OBJECTIVES I AND III. BOTH ZAGREB AND BELGRADE UNIVERSITIES INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING FURTHER COOPERATION WITH JOHNS HOPKINS AND POST WILL REPORT SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR.
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